

REMARKS

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, claims 17-18 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In responds to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect for examination Compound A in Example 2, i.e., 6-(4-fluoropiperidin-1-yl)3-(6-methoxypyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-16, and 19-20.

Amendment to Claims

Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to more clearly set forth the claimed invention. New claims 21-24 have been added. Claims 21-23 each correspond to claims 2-4, respectively. Claim 24 is directed to the selected species and support may be found by the specification, Example 2. No new matter has been introduced. New claims 21-24 depend from claim 17 and thus properly fall into the elected invention of Group II. Therefore, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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